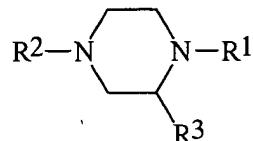
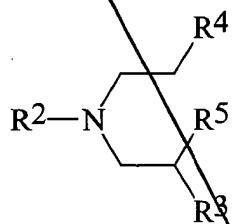


1. (Amended) A method for preparing a compound of the formula



wherein R¹ denotes alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkoxy, tosyl, benzoyl, or formyl; R² denotes alkyl, alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy or phenylalkoxy; and R³ denotes alkyl, alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy or phenylalkoxy,

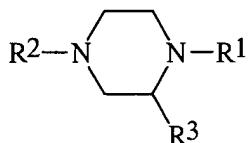
comprising the step of reacting a compound of the formula



wherein R² and R³ are as defined above and R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo,

with a compound of the formula H₂N-R¹, wherein R¹ is as defined above.

49. (Amended) A compound of the formula:



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wherein R¹ denotes alkyl, tosyl, formyl, or benzoyl; R² denotes alkyl, alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy or phenylalkoxy, and R³ denotes alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy.

53. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein R¹ denotes tosyl; R² is alkyl, phenyl, phenoxy or phenylalkoxy; and R³ is phenyl or alkyl.

54. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein R^1 denotes alkyl, tosyl, formyl, or benzoyl; R^2 is alkyl; and R^3 is phenyl.

58. (Amended) The compound of claim 49, wherein R¹ is alkyl, formyl, benzoyl, or tosyl; and R³ is alkyl, alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy or phenylalkoxy.

63. (Amended) The compound of claim 58, wherein R¹ denotes tosyl; R² is alkyl; and R³ is phenyl.

Please cancel claims 64, 66 and 67 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36, 49, and 51-67 are pending in the application. Claim 64, 66 and 67 have been canceled. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-36, 49, 51-63 and 65 will be pending.

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for extending the courtesy of an interview on October 8, 2002. The examiner indicated that Applicant may have allowable subject matter for a narrow genus of compounds, as recited in all of the pending claims.